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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Group: 2877  
Confirmation No.: 2473  
Application No.: 10/008,600  
Invention: **System For Analysing Sample Liquids Containing A Position Control Unit**  
Inventor: Dirk Voelkel  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, please consider the following. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Our check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed for the payment of the extension request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 10-0435.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.